

MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education

From: Dr. Charity Flores, Director
Office of Student Assessment

Subject: Alternate Assessment Procurement

Date: August 2, 2017

Indiana Code IC 20-31-8-4 requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to annually place Indiana schools in a category or designation of school performance based on the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE) findings from the assessment of performance and academic growth determined by the results of Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress—Plus (ISTEP+). In addition, ESSA requires states to annually assess the state's students on the academic content standards and academic achievement standards in reading/language arts, mathematics and science.

The state assessment must also assess students with disabilities in ISTEP+ assessments, with or without accommodations. An alternate assessment must be provided for students with significant cognitive disabilities whose Case Conference Committee, utilizing the criteria for eligibility to participate, determine it is the most appropriate assessment. IC 20-32-5-16.

The Indiana Department of Education requests State Board approval to procure a vendor or organization to support delivery of the alternate assessment beginning in 2018-19. The scope of work will define key relationships to the ILEARN assessment for the population of students identified to ensure a cohesive system of assessments.